

NORFOLK.

COMMITTED SUICIDE BY JUMPING FROM A FERRY-BOAT.

The Cause of the Rash Act--Savings the Enchantress--Personal Notes--Brief Mention.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, April 12, 1886.

Yesterday afternoon considerable excitement was created along the docks by Rocco Zausi, an Italian fruit-vender on Talbot street, leaping from the ferry steamer Elizabeth while crossing the harbor and drowning himself. As the steamer started out of the dock Zausi seated himself at the dock at the stern of the boat, with his legs dangling over the guard. He then lit a cigar and commenced to smoke, and when the boat reached midstream he leaped overboard. The yawlboats were lowered from the steamer and every effort made to rescue him, but he disappeared quickly. The man had been speaking and evidently committed self-destruction from that cause. A number of his friends commenced dragging the harbor early this morning, and the body was recovered a short distance from where it went down.

The wreckers of this city engaged on the British steamer Enchantress, stranded on Fryer-Pan Shoals, succeeded in getting the steamer afloat on Saturday afternoon, and she will be brought into this harbor in a day or two under her own steam. Soon after the Enchantress went ashore she was given up as a total loss, and the success of the Norfolk wreckers is regarded as a remarkable achievement.

The distinguished Burgess Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett is in the city visiting her brother, Mr. H. C. Hodgson.

Mr. Owen Rielly and niece, of Portsmouth, left yesterday for Ireland and England to spend the summer and fall. The United States steamer Ripley, Commander A. S. Dana, is expected here from Brazil the 1st of the month, and every effort will be made to re-her at this yard.

John J. Wilkins, in Brambleton, on Saturday evening had his hips crushed and was seriously and perhaps fatally injured by a large pile of lumber falling on him.

HAMPSHIRE-SIDNEY.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

APRIL 10, 1886.

The Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary will meet in their library building on Tuesday the 4th day of May in regular annual meeting to attend to the interests of the Seminary.

The Examining Committee, which is also now called the Business Committee, will meet in the seminary on Wednesday morning, April 22nd. The committee consists of the following gentlemen: Revs. H. G. Hill, D. D., Charles White, D. D., J. H. Smith, D. D., J. J. Bullock, D. D., and J. M. Atkinson, D. D., and Messrs. B. F. Hall and J. M. Sydenstricker. If any one of these members is prevented from attending these examinations, he may, at his discretion, request any other member of the Board of Trustees to take his place.

The annual address is to be delivered by Major T. J. Kirkpatrick, of Lynchburg, or in case of his absence by Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, of Raleigh, N. C. The closing exercises of the seminary will take place on Wednesday, May 5th. The next session will open on Wednesday the 1st day of September. The students of the seminary are now very busy preparing for and passing through the examinations. The members of the senior class who will graduate in May are all, it is believed, provided for with calls or invitations to preaching places.

Dr. Latimer, professor of Ecclesiastical History, since his return from Florida about a month ago, has been forbidden by his physician to take charge of his classes. He is, however, steadily gaining in health it is hoped, and with the rest which vacation will afford him it is thought he will be strong for his work when the seminary opens in September next.

Dr. Melville, president of Hampshire-Sidney College, who was some weeks ago thrown from his buggy and injured by breaking his collar-bone, is steadily improving and not prevented from the discharge of any of his official duties.

The good people of this community, though keeping abreast of the discussions in your valued paper on the subject of "local option," have not as yet been discussing it as a question practically as to this neighborhood. Having no whiskey saloon or other such "wet" place near or far, there seems to be no necessity for debating the subject as to this immediate neighborhood. We all belong to the party known to be "dry," and likely to continue so unless some unusual and improbable event should change the present conditions of life.

Improvements are talked of in our state and conservative community, but not as yet rapidly evolved. It is said, however, that an effort is to be made in that direction by Mr. W. D. Dwyer, who is about to erect a new house on the corner of the College-church lot, opposite the house of the president of the college, and to be occupied as a drugstore. It is hoped it will be an attractive building of modern style. It is very desirable to make this an inviting place, even though "dry."

CHARLOTTESVILLE.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

Moody and Sankey Meetings--Large Attendance.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

APRIL 12, 1886.

Messrs. Moody and Sankey reached the University of Virginia on Saturday and began immediately the long-promised series of religious services. In connection with the singing it is not perhaps out of place to mention an incident related by Mr. Sankey on Saturday. He said: "Before singing the solo, 'Ninety-and-Nine,' in response to the request of many friends, it may be interesting to know how I came to sing it. I was on the car going from Glasgow to Edinburgh, Scotland, when I found the paper. One night, while we were holding meetings in a large hall in Edinburgh, had spoken and the blessing of God seemed to be upon the hearts of all, it came into my mind to sing that poem

as a hymn. I could not resist the impulse, and laying the scrap of newspaper before me I sang it to that great assemblage. It touched every heart, and the blessing of God has followed it wherever sung. I sang it to the shepherds in the Highlands of Scotland, on their native hills. They could appreciate its meaning, and the tears that coursed down their bronzed cheeks were proof of its great power. I afterwards learned by letter who was the author of the poem. That night in Edinburgh when the hymn was sung for the first time a woman occupied a seat in the gallery. She tried to get to me to press her gratitude to me for having sung the words of her dead sister. The dead sister had been Elizabeth C. Clephane, who had lived near Melrose Abbey." Mr. Sankey's solos were a very attractive feature of the meeting. "The Ninety-and-Nine," "When the Mist Has Rolled Away," and "Almost Persuaded" were especially liked.

What shall be said of Mr. Moody's great power as a preacher? His earnestness is a very impressive. He carries his audiences with him, and yet simplicity was never possessed by any man in a greater degree. The whole length and breadth of a sermon is sometimes summed up in a short, touching anecdote, the relation of which is followed breathlessly by the whole audience and tearfully by many. As a consequence people forget how time is going, and few think that Mr. Moody preaches long sermons, and yet he does.

The public hall at the University was never more crowded than during these meetings. Every available place taken by people coming on from the city and by private conveyance, and many never left the hall from one service to another. Many brought their lunches and spent the day in camp-meeting style. Mr. Moody preached at each of the six services at the University.

He preached last night on the excuses made for not attending the marriage feast. This morning he preached at the First Colored Baptist church.

PETERSBURG AND VICINITY.

Deaths--Church Indebtedness--Public Baptisms--\$5,000 Damages--Against a Railroad.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, April 12, 1886.

Mr. B. K. White, an aged and respected citizen of Dinwiddie county, residing near Reams's station, who was stricken with paralysis several days ago, died on Saturday and was buried yesterday.

At a business meeting of the congregation of the Second Presbyterian church held yesterday morning during the usual hour of divine service a collection was taken up, and a sum was realized sufficient to pay off the entire indebtedness of the church. It is gratifying to state in this connection that the aggregate church indebtedness in Petersburg is very small. Most of the churches are free of debt.

There were two baptisms in the lake at West-End Park yesterday, and the ceremonies were witnessed by large crowds of people. The candidates were two of the colored churches of the city--one Methodist and one Baptist--and the services were conducted by the respective pastors. The membership of the colored churches here has recently been largely increased by the revival-meetings which have been in progress for some weeks.

It can hardly be definitely stated as yet what part the pastors of the city will take in the matter of prohibition. A conference of temperance people will be held this week for the purpose of discussing the plans of the coming campaign, when it is probable some definite understanding will be had. The front window of Myer Sall's grocery-store, on Bollingbrook street, was cut through on Saturday night and several caddies of chewing tobacco stolen.

At last accounts nothing had been heard of the man Burwell Jenkins, who some days ago disappeared from his home, near Wakefield, under circumstances which induced the belief that he was the victim of foul play.

The new Episcopal church, recently dedicated at Claremont is said to be one of the handsomest country edifices in this section. A new church will shortly be built at Surry Courthouse by the same denomination, making the fourth one erected in that county in four years. A Methodist and a Baptist church are also being built in Surry.

In the Circuit Court of Dinwiddie county, on Saturday, after a trial of two or three days, the jury rendered a verdict of \$5,000 damages against the Norfolk and Western Railroad company for running the car of Washington (on Jackson Colton). Jackson was fatally injured while coupling cars at Wilson's depot, and suit was brought by his administrator for \$10,000 damages. The case was elaborately argued by able counsel. The counsel for the defendant company took an appeal from the verdict. The Court gave full instructions to the jury.

The Bishop of the diocese will visit county next week and administer the rite of confirmation in all the Episcopal churches. He will also ordain to priests' orders the three young deacons at present residing here.

The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held to-morrow.

WOOD-VESEL SINK.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

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